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**Gang Members Plead Not Guilty to
Murder, Attempted Murder Charges**

Four gang members accused of killing two men and shooting another pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Chase Strike (dob 12/1/93), Christopher Ellis (dob 4/2/88), Robert Ramirez (dob 9/19/89), and Irineo Cabrera (dob 5/1/86), were arraigned on two counts each of murder and one count of attempted murder in case NA098263 before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Laura Laesecke.

The felony complaint includes a special circumstance of multiple murders. Additionally, the charging document contains gun and gang allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Dean Bengston, who is assigned to the case, said the defendants are documented gang members of the Eastside Paramount gang.

The prosecutor said that on March 1, 2009, Austin Seng, 20, Chamreun Kong, 20, and a third man went to a shop in Long Beach to purchase flowers for their friend who passed away. While there, the three men were confronted by Strike and Ellis, who allegedly shouted out their gang affiliations, Bengston said.

A fight erupted with Ramirez and Cabrera reportedly joining the fray. During the altercation, Ramirez reportedly pulled out a gun and began shooting, the prosecutor said. Seng and Kong were fatally shot, while the third man survived his wounds.

Following the melee, Strike, Ellis, Ramirez and Cabrera fled the scene in an SUV, Bengston said.

All four defendants are being held on no bail. Their next court appearance is scheduled for July 16 for a pre-hearing conference.

At a later date, the District Attorney's office will decide later whether to seek the death penalty against the defendants or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Long Beach Police Department investigated the case.

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